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NOTIFICATION

F.No.12/29/2023-Agri:- Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity.

And whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Union Territory of Lakshadweep (herein after referred to as the Department) implements the following Schemes (herein after referred to as the Schemes) for providing financial assistance (herein after referred to as the benefits) for welfare measures and other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto the farmers (herein after referred to as the beneficiaries) for the following 3 Nos schemes presently namely:-

1. Support & Promotion of Fruit Crop Cultivation
2. Support & Promotion of Vegetable Cultivation
3. Support & Promotion for Adopting Micro Irrigation Techniques

And, whereas, the aforesaid Schemes involve expenditure incurred partially or fully from Consolidated Fund of India.

Now therefore,in pursuance of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (herein after referred to as the said Act), the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration hereby notifies the following namely:-

1. (1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar Number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

(2) Any individual desirous of availing benefits under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar Number or, has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the Schemes, provided that he/she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per Section 3 of the said Act, and such individuals shall visit any Aadhaar Enrolment Centre (list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

(3) As per the regulation 12 of Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department, is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, and in case there is no Aadhaar Enrolment Centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves:

Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, benefits under the Scheme shall be given to such individuals, subject to the production of the following documents, namely:-

- a) if he has enrolled, his Aadhaar enrolment identification slip, and
- b) any of the following documents, namely:-
 - (i) Bank or Post Office Passbook (with Photo, or
 - (ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card, or
 - (iii) Passport, or
 - (iv) Ration Card, or
 - (v) Voter Identity Card, or
 - (vi) NGNREGA Card, or
 - (vii) Kisan Photo Passbook, or
 - (viii) Driving Licence issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), or
 - (ix) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsildar on an official letter, or
 - (x) Any other document as specified by the Department

Provided further that the above documents may be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the department shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the requirement of Aadhaar under the Scheme.

3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanism shall be adopted namely:-

a) In case of poor finger print quality, iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department shall make provisions for iris scanners or face authentication along with finger - print authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner:-

b) In case the biometric authentication through finger print or iris scan or face authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One-Time Password or Time-based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be offered;

c) In other cases ,where biometric or Aadhaar One-Time Password or Time-based or One-Time Password authentication is not possible the benefits under the Scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through a Quick Response Code printed on the Aadhaar letter and the necessary arrangement of Quick Response Code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department;

4. In order to ensure that no bonafide beneficiary under the Scheme deprived of his due benefits, the department shall follow the exception handling mechanism as specified in the Office Memorandum of Direct Benefit Transfer mission , Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India No. D-26011/04/2017-DBT dated the 19th December, 2017 (available on <https://dbtbharath.gov.in/>).

5. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

Sd/-
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